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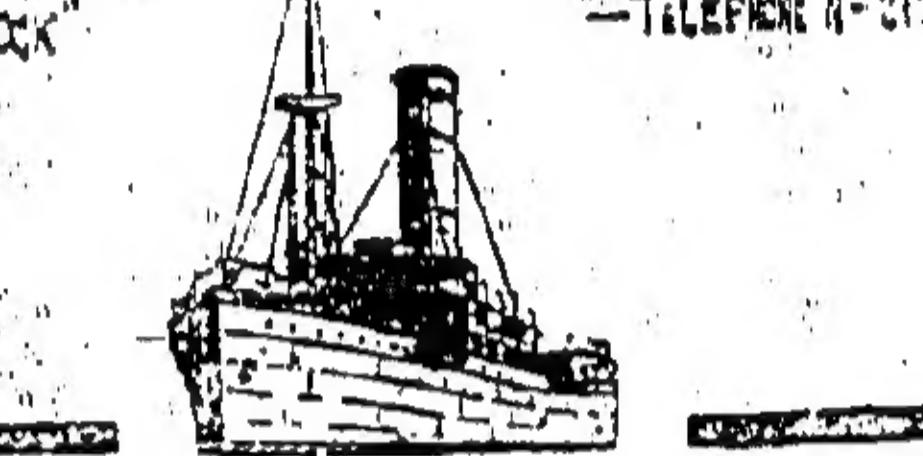
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Spanish steamers have insufficient
accommodation.

To-day's New York newspapers
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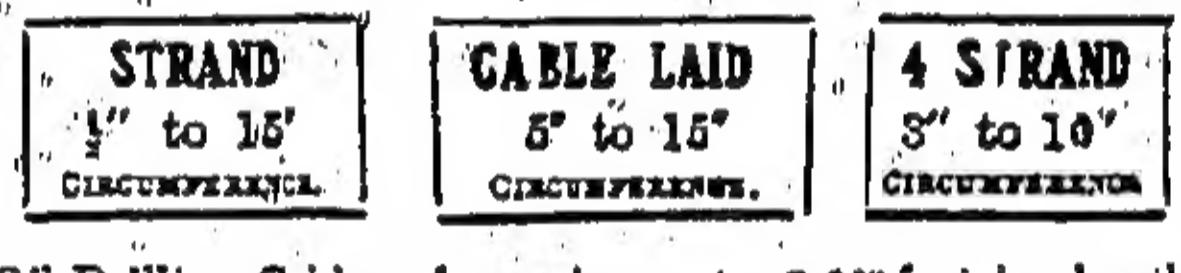
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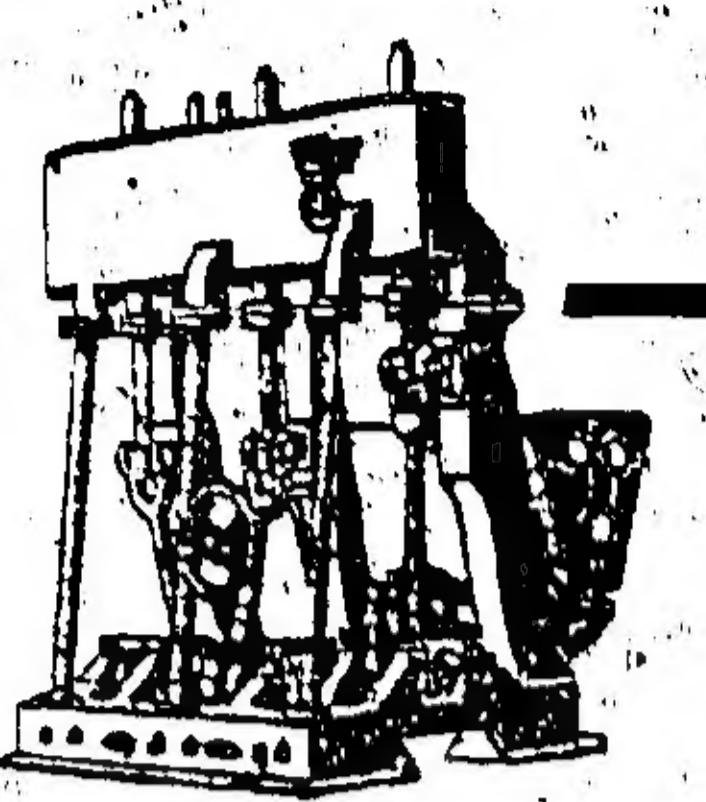
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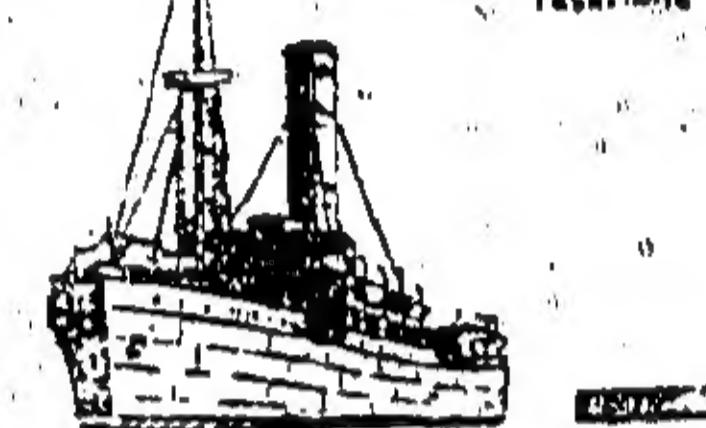
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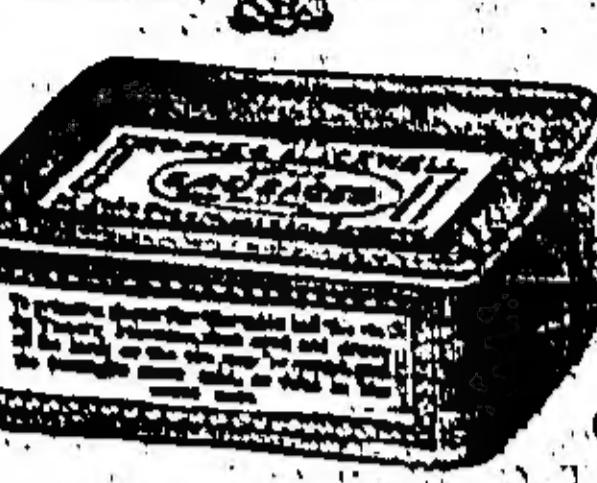
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PUBLICATIONS.

OBTAIABLE at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, 5 Wyndham Street, Hong Kong:—
HISTORY OF UNION CHURCH (1851-1905) 50

HONGKONG'S MUSICAL HISTORY 50

NOTES ON WILD LIFE IN HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA (By Rev. G. A. Bushby, M.A.) 50

Part I.—Mammals and Birds 50

Part II.—Reptiles, Amphibia and Fishes 50

THE MISSIONS ABROAD (History of the Eastern Churches) 1.00

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SIR ROBERT HART'S LAND TAX MEMORANDUM (criticism) 20

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WASHING BOOKS (for men) 20

OPEN BOATS.

THE STORY OF THE "CLAN MACFARLANE."

[BY ALFRED NOTES.]

Two telegrams begin this winter's tale.—The first to C. in C.E. Indies, "Have you any news of the s.s. 'Clan Macfarlane,'" passed Maita on December 27th, bound for Port Said? The second, from C. in C.E. Indies, "Clan Macfarlane has not yet arrived in Egypt."

The "Clan Macfarlane," of the Port of Glasgow, was a steamer of some 4,000 tons, built of steel at Sunderland. She had a crew of 78 hands, a general cargo, and left Birkenhead on December 16th, 1916.

On December 30th at 3.45 p.m. she was steaming at full speed, making an average of 10 knots. There was a lookout in the crow's nest and two look-outs were on the forecastle deck. The weather was fine and clear. The wind was in the west, blowing moderately, with a slight sea.

The chief officer, Frederick James Hawley, had just been called, as he was to go on duty at 1 o'clock, when he felt and heard a violent explosion. He ran on deck and found the upper hatches of No. 3 hold and the tarpaulin blown out of position. They had been battened down on leaving Liverpool. He gave orders at once to lower the boats below the level of the harbour deck, and this was done. He then sounded No. 5 hole and found 18 inches of water. He also saw the cargo breaking up and floating out of the steamer's side. She had been struck on the starboard side, at No. 5 hatch, below the water-line.

Hawley then personally searched the forecastle to make sure that nobody was in them. He conferred with the master, and they decided to abandon the ship, as she was beginning to settle by the stern and it was growing dark. At about 5.15 all hands left the steamer in six boats and rowed clear. About 6 o'clock a submarine appeared from the southward and fired six shots into the steamer on the port side forward. At 6.15 all the boats were made fast, astern of the master's boat, to keep them together during the night. A few minutes later the submarine came alongside, asked for particulars of the steamer, and then steered to the eastward. After this mast were stepped, sails broken out, and a course set for Crete, which was thought to be 50 or 60 miles away. They sailed all night.

At 10 o'clock the wind and sea moderated a little. Hawley set a reefed lug-sail; and, having decided to make for Alexandria, though it was about 250 miles distant, he steered E.S.E. At 4.15 that afternoon another native died and was "buried."

They sailed all night. At 5 a.m. on January 7th the wind shifted to N.W. and freshened, and the sea increased again. At 6 o'clock the captain's boy died (having fought hard for life all through the night), and his burial left the boat still lighter.

At 7.30 a.m. they put a second reef in the lug-sail and steered S.E. At 8 a.m. they sighted a steamer on the port bow, only about three miles distant. "Cries broke from their blackened lips, and they made signals of distress by waving some of the dead man's clothing, a coat and a shirt on a stick."

When the steamer sighted the boats she headed for them at once, and signalled by blowing her whistle. At 8.30 they were alongside the steamer, "The Crown of Aragon," and by 9 o'clock the diminished crews were taken aboard.

They were all at the point of exhaustion. On the "Crown of Aragon" brandy and hot coffee and dry clothes were given to them. But on the way to Malta two more men died from the effects of their long exposure.

The rest was told in a few telegrams reporting the case, and asking that search should be made for the missing boats. They were never found. "Civilization is very big and busy; and one telegram in reply stated 'No ships available.'

But grimly as this crew was thinned out, that of the "Whightfayre" fared even worse. The only evidence of the attack on this ship is that of a Japanese, one of the crew, who sent a post-card to the owners (Messrs. Parker, Hamilton, and Co.) from a prison camp in Germany. All the rest of the crew were lost. The post-card ran as follows:—

To Miggins, Palkel, Hamilton, and Co., 120

Dear Sirs,—I have written you, once before, from Hell, but did not receive any answer. I am now in Lager Holzminde Barrack 4. On the 24.10. our ship has been torpedoed by a German U boat, and now I am prisoner. If it is possible I would be very grateful to you if you would send from time to time a parcel and money, because all my things are lost and I cannot write to Japan.—Yours,

ISHIKAWA Sancho.

The waves of the war break on every coast in the world, and the sound of them washes over every continent, bringing sorrow to the remotest ends of the earth. In the early days of the war I lost an old gardener on the coast of Maine. He was a Scot by birth, but had been an American citizen for over half a century. "My son went back to Scotland," he told me, "to see some of my folks at home, and he took up mine-sweeping. He was drowned just off Aberdeen, where I was born."

But it is almost equally dangerous for neutral seamen to engage in the human work of bringing food to Belgium. The Greek steamer "Embarico," was taking a cargo of maize for the Belgian Relief Committee, when she was sunk by a submarine in the channel. The crew were put into open boats at nightfall, though the weather was very stormy, with a wild rain, and the sea ran mountains high.

The Greek captain (John Pulacmeses) lost sight of the second boat (there were only two) as they were going before the wind and sea. He tried to go back and find them, but found it impossible, and went on his way burning paraffin flares.

"They saw the flash of the Lizard Light across the tumult of the storm; and a steamer passed them, like a great hotel," while lights out. The man shouted, the captain blew his whistle, and

master's boat was carried away. He then made fast astern of the second officer's boat.

At 3.30 the wind and sea had increased so much that the master was forced to let go. He set a reefed jib; and at daybreak on the 4th, there was no sign of him. At 2 p.m. he was sighted again, sailing to the westward. Hawley set sail and tried to follow him; but he had the second officer's boat attached and could not get up to him. The last they saw of the master's boat was at sunset on the 4th, making about W.S.W. and finally vanishing into the evening light.

Sails were stowed and the boats lay to. The sea anchor was used that night; and at daybreak Hawley attacked a bucket to the sea anchor to increase its weight.

At 1 a.m. on the 5th it was decided to abandon the No. 4 boat, add transfer the second officer, fifth engineer, and seven natives, with their food and water, to Hawley's boat. This was a perilous task in a wind and sea so boisterous, and during the process the rudder of Hawley's boat was broken and unshipped. He then used an oar, with a goose-winged jib as a rigger, to keep head to sea.

During the forenoon the wind increased to a gale, with a high increasing sea. The boat laboured heavily and shipped water, and heavy sprays burst continually over the men as they baled. Oil was used and the baling went on without a break.

At noon on the 5th they sighted the smoke of a steamer on the S.E., but she drew no nearer and the smoke died away. All this time, it must be remembered, the men were soaked from head to foot by the wintry sea.

At 10 a.m. on the 6th the wind shifted to the westward. On January 9th at 8 o'clock the second cook died from exposure, and the blue frozen body was dropped overboard. Half an hour later the officer's boy died, and at 9 o'clock on the same bleak morning a fireman died. The burial of these dead, the heavy and brief plunges of the bodies as they lightened the boat, were the only interruptions to the long monotony of the baling.

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Eventually they encountered the green light of one of our heroic little British trawlers; and heard the reassuring shout, "All right."

The sea was so rough, however, that it was after midnight when they were hauled aboard. They searched the sea thoroughly as possible in that wild weather; but the other boat with her crew of 12 Greek seamen was never seen again. So much for the German tendencies towards the kingdom of Greece!

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Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STORE OFFICER to sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY,
the 10th February, 1917,
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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The Clothing and Effects of the late Mr. A. W. BUTTON.
Trunks.—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
duchessers,
Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1917.

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THE DIARY

MEMO. FOR MONDAY,
8.15 p.m.—Piano Recital at Government House.

General Memoranda

TUESDAY, Feb. 6.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Household Property at Mr. G. P. Lammer's Sale Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7.—
11.30 a.m.—Full Moon.

4.30 p.m.—Prize Giving by Lady May at Kowloon British School.

THURSDAY, Feb. 8.—
1.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, Feb. 10.—
11 a.m.—Kowloon Land and Building Co. Meeting.

Noon.—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co.'s Meeting.

Laying of Foundation Stone of new Chinese Y.M.C.A. building by Bishop Lander.

Inpection of the H.K. Police Reserve by H.E. the Governor.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.—
2.15 p.m.—Concert at Helena May Institute.

MON. 25, TUES. 27 & WED. Feb. 28.—
Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

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little resemblance to the views uttered a year ago. Then, alas! hopes were extravagant, owing to a disregard of facts which the informed expert, indeed, observed, but which remained concealed for the layman. We know on the authority of Mr. BALFOUR that the enemy's submarine losses down to September 1915, had been "formidable," and though the Admiralty keeps its records in this connection a close secret, there are good reasons for the belief that many additions have been made to the list since Mr. BALFOUR confirmed the popular impression on the subject. It is known, however, that Germany has been constantly building submarines of a more powerful character, the majority of them for distant service, and some of them are known to be "effective mine-layers." It is this feature apparently which gives the Allied navies the most concern. The German announcement represents the gambler's final plunge, but it will fail as all her other attempts have failed. Germany will never be able to blockade the British Isles by submarines as she herself is blockaded by the British Navy.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The United States Court for China has come to Canton on its annual southern circuit.

Lady May has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Kowloon British School next Wednesday.

The Bishop of Victoria next Saturday is to lay the foundation stone of the new Chinese Y.M.C.A. building in Bridges Street.

The body of a Chinese, age about 35 years, was found hanging by the neck from a tree at Wan Chai yesterday. Death was caused by strangulation.

Both his personal friends and the public generally, says the "N.C. Daily News," will be glad to hear that Mr. H. von Hoidenstein, Engineer-in-Chief of the Governor in aid of the H.K. Women's War Work Association. The programme, which will have analytical notes, will be sold in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund.

1 Ballade in F minor Chopin
2 Break of Day Sanderson
Now sleeps the crimson petal Quilter.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

An old Chinese coolie, charged with assaulting a deaf woman, was brought before Mr. Wood. The complainant appeared in the witness box and showed evidence cut on her temple, which he said had been inflicted by the defendant when he struck her with his fist. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge, stating that he became involved in an argument with the complainant on the wharf when suddenly the woman, assisted by her husband and son, attacked him. In the scuffle which ensued, the complainant fell down and received the injury to her face. Both defendant and complainant were bound over.

CRACKER-FIRING IN PROHIBITED HOURS.

WHOLESALE PROSECUTIONS.

More than 100 Chinese packed Mr. Wood's Court this morning to answer charges of firing crackers during prohibited hours without permit, during the Chinese New-Year holiday.

The crowd was so great that it was found necessary to clear the Court and transfer the defendants to the adjacent compound. Inspector O'Sullivan then called each by name and they filed before the Magistrate. All but four pleaded guilty to the offence. As there was not sufficient evidence to convict them, these four were discharged.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2 for each summons upon the remaining defendants.

A HAWKER'S EXCUSE.

When a Chinese was brought before Mr. Wood on the charge of hawking grass string without a licence he admitted the charge but offered as his defence the explanation that he was trying to sell the string in order to obtain sufficient money to pay for a licence. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

PIANO RECITAL.

The following is the programme of the Piano Recital to be given at Government House on Monday evening at 9.15 p.m. (by kind permission of H.E. the Governor) in aid of the H.K. Women's War Work Association. The programme, which will have analytical notes, will be sold in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund.

Mr. G. C. MOXON seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which was approved.

Mr. T. G. WEALL proposed and Mr. C. NIXON seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., as auditor, at a remuneration of \$200, and this was passed.

MR. GALLOWAY.

3 Sphinx Scott
Hunting Song Isaacs
Reflets dans le lac Debussy
Concert Study Beringer
4 Reverie Vieuxtemps

MR. BALMAN.

5 Rhapsody Schytte
Dreamer's Tales Peterkin
(No. 3)
Humoresque Dvorak
La Campanella Liszt
6 Lullaby Denman Fuller
Dawn of Joy Denman Fuller
Mrs. GALLOWAY.

7 Ballade York Bowen
Serenade Bridge
Intermezzo in Octaves Leschetizky
The accompanists are Mrs. Frank Austin and Miss E. Osmund. The recital is open to all music lovers and at the conclusion refreshments will be kindly provided by His Excellency.

WHAT THE GERMANS ARE COUNTING UPON.

It may perhaps be interesting to put on record now, for comparison with the definite results "later on," what the Germans are confidently expecting now. The following paragraph is reproduced from a Home paper:

German papers inform us that a number of very successful meetings have been held in several large cities under the auspices of the Pan-German League. It is interesting to note that, although the Pan-Germans are in control of a vast and important Press, in no one of their papers have we anything like a complete account of the proceedings at these meetings, or of the large speakers who addressed them. All we are told is that these meetings were "overjoyed" that the German satisfaction was expressed at the military situation, and at the prospect of a speedy realization of Pan-German aims and objects. That Belgian kids fair to be an extension of the Empire towards the North Sea and the English coast; that part of France rich in coal is sure to fall to the share of Germany; that Serbia and Montenegro had been wiped out; that Rumania had been overrun; that the German occupation of Russia's Western Front and the "liberation" of Lithuania and Courland; and last, but not least, that Germany had become so strong in the Near East that her further progress to the Persian Gulf was assured—the Hamburg-Persian Gulf scheme—was all matters of supreme satisfaction to the important bodies of Pan-Germans who have been recently holding high festival.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

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COMPANY MEETING.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

The twelfth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd. was held at 11.30 a.m. to-day at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Ltd.

There were present: Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, (in the chair) I. Jonckheer, A. O. Lang, B. Mori, R. Shawan, A. H. Skelton, (consulting committee), Mr. Morton Smith, (secretary), Messrs. G. C. Moxon, A. Ritchie, W. E. Clarke, T. C. Nixon and T. G. Weall, (shareholders).

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the adoption of the annual report and statement of the Company's accounts said

Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some time I propose, with your permission,

to take them as read. The profit on

trading for the year under review amounts to \$7,387.33, as against

\$8,073.32 last year, a slight falling off,

but the amount available for distribution, owing to increased earnings on

your investments, and the profit on the

sale of two of the old boats, is

\$89,375.06, an increase of some \$3,000

over 1915. This result, under the

abnormal conditions existing, I trust will

satisfy you, and that you will approve

of the distribution recommended. Your

property, as usual, has been well kept up

out of current revenue, and all your old

boats which have become unserviceable

for the carriage of water, have been

satisfactorily disposed of for other pur-

poses. The fleet now consists of one

new boat, 5 boats built in 1906 to 1907,

and one older boat which I anticipate

being of service for some years to come

yet. Your General Managers do not con-

sider that, in the near future, the demand

for water is likely to necessitate the

building of more than two new boats,

and this being so, the Consulting

Committee recommend the reduction of

the Capital to \$184,061, by the return

to Shareholders of \$3 per share, and

notice of the Extraordinary meeting to

pass the necessary resolution will be

given in due course. The market value

of your investments as at 31st Decem-

ber appears in the Balance Sheet, and

the writing off of \$1,000 as recommended

more than covers the depreciation.

Beyond these few remarks, gentlemen,

the report and accounts, I think, speak

for themselves, but before moving their

adoption I shall be pleased to answer

any questions shareholders, may wish to ask.

Mr. G. C. MOXON seconded the

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Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., as

auditor, at a remuneration of \$200,

and this was passed.

SPORTING.

TRAINING TIMES.

There was a large gathering of

racing enthusiasts at the hills,

Jockey Club enclosure, Happy

Valley, this morning. The weather

was comparatively mild and there

was an absence of wind. Both

courses, were used, the road being

slightly faster, if anything, than the

turf, which is still very hard going

despite the slight sprinkle of rain

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A REAL AND FORMIDABLE PERIL.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
The British Press does not conceal its belief that the German threat implies a real and formidable peril demanding all the nation's endurance. It expresses the opinion that this frightfulness has been long anticipated and the Allies considered it at the recent naval conference in London.

Confidence is expressed that preparations will be made to meet it. The greatest difficulty will be with the submarine mine-layers.

The situation of Germany is compared with that of Napoleon in 1812 when he vainly tried to achieve a decision by destroying commerce. It is not doubted that the Kaiser's declaration of war against the civilised world will not succeed in saving the Hohenzollern dynasty.

It is anticipated that the United States, like Great Britain in 1914, will prove that Germany has made another psychological miscalculation.

The *Morning Post* suggests that high German prisoners should be placed on hospital ships as hostages.

The *Daily Chronicle* urges the Allies to agree as to the penalties they will exact after the war, specifying the persons they will penalise, and collectively notify Germany of their decisions now.

STATEMENT BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter expressing his regret that a cold would not permit him to attend a meeting in connection with the War Loan at Hull, does not conceal the grave danger of German submarine but he says the Admiralty is tirelessly grappling with the problem night and day.

THE ALLIES AND NEUTRALS.

SPEECH BY SIR F. E. SMITH.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
Sir F. E. Smith, K.C., the Attorney-General, speaking at Cardiff, said no belligerent in the world's history had ever dared to challenge a proud and powerful neutral.

"We believe that we Allies are strong enough," the Attorney-General said, "to fight out the quarrel ourselves. We have been the custodians of the honour of the neutrals and we now tell them to be the custodians of their own. We only ask that when the time for settlement comes those who sacrificed shall decide."

FOOD QUESTION IN ENGLAND.

A WEEKLY AVERAGE OF CONSUMPTION SUGGESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
The Press Bureau issues a notice by the Food Controller as to the urgent necessity for curtailing consumption. It states that it is only possible to maintain an adequate margin to meet the actual situation and contingencies by adopting a system of average apportionment. He is unwilling to adopt compulsory rationing unless it is necessary and relies on the people's honour and sense of patriotism to observe voluntarily the following average weekly consumption per head:

Bread 4 lbs.
Meat 2 lbs.
Sugar 3 lbs.

The Food Controller points out that if everybody reduced his or her consumption by one pound of bread and half a pound of meat weekly, there would be a saving of over a million tons of food a year. Meanwhile the machinery for rationing is being organised in case of necessity.

WILL HOLLAND BE DRAWN IN?

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.
The *Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant* expresses the opinion that the prospects of Holland being drawn into the war have been considerably increased.

THE SCUTTLED SHIP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.
It is believed that the scuttling at Charleston (South Carolina) of the *Lisbon* was due to the German Admiralty exercising its destructive

THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We drove off an attack in the neighbourhood of Gommecourt, and destroyed, bombard a dump east of Bouchavesnes.

Our aeroplanes did much useful work. Four are missing.

A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 2.
A German official report states:

Between Armentieres and Arras numerous strong English advances have failed.

There has been lively reconnoitring activity south-west of Miramont, and north-east of Le Sars.

The English penetrated our position on the Goudecourt-Baenlencourt road, but by a counter-attack we repulsed it and took some prisoners.

FRENCH OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

A French communiqué says:

An enemy attack south of Lorrainy in Lorraine, failed. There has been lively artillery work in the sectors Povemont, right bank of the Meuse, Metzeral, and the Vosges.

A German aeroplane bombed Dunkirk but there were no casualties and the damage done was insignificant.

GERMAN TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.

Further reports are published of German troops concentrating on the Dutch frontier.

GERMAN TROOPS TRANSFERRED TO WEST FRONT.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.

Except in the Tiga sector where three Divisions of German reinforcements have arrived, the enemy is transferring considerable German troops from the Russian fronts to the Western front, with a view to the impending clash there.

THE FORMER GERMAN COLONIES.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The newspapers generally welcome Mr. Walter Long's announcement regarding the retention of the German Colonies.

The *Daily Chronicle* suggests that it might be usefully supplemented by a similar announcement regarding Mesopotamia.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT CREATED.

LONDON, Feb. 2.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We improved our position north of Beaumont Hamel and carried out a successful raid south-east of Neuville St. Vaast.

We repelled attempts to approach our line south-east of Armentieres and east of Ypres. Two other attacks in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete by strong parties, dressed in white, were beaten back with heavy casualties. The enemy's artillery was more active to the south of Ypres.

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GERMAN INTERRED VESSEL SCUTTLED.

CHARLESTON, S.C., Feb. 2.

The German freighter *Lebenitez* which had been tied up since the outbreak of the war, has sunk.

The Captain declined the assistance of tugs. It is believed that the vessel was scuttled.

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The Allies are temporarily arranging to mitigate the blockade and to relieve the poorer Greeks, in view of the fact that most of their demands have been carried out.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

GREAT BRITAIN THE ARCH ENEMY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.

A passage in Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg's peroration reading: "The Admiralty and Fleet are firmly convinced that Great Britain will be brought to peace by force of arms as result of the experience of submarine warfare"—is taken as the text for German Press comments which unanimously single out Great Britain as the enemy, promising unheard-of terrors which will "mortally hit the Island people."

THE HOSPITAL SHIP ALLEGATIONS.

GERMAN FALSEHOODS ABOUT THE "BRITANNIC."

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The Admiralty state that a German wireless message alleges that the *Britannic* carried 2,500 British soldiers who were not invalids.

The allegation is based on the sworn testimony of Albert Messany, the Austrian singer,

who was interned at Malta at the outbreak of war and who returned to England in November aboard the "Britannic" because he was an invalid, after which he was repatriated.

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It is announced that it cannot be too emphatically restated that never since the beginning of the war have any but invalids and hospital staff embarked in any British hospital ships.

FRENCH COMMENT.

PARIS, Feb. 2.

The papers, while recognising that the task of the Allied fleets is daily becoming harder, refuse to be intimidated by the threat of further atrocities at the very moment when the enemy's force is failing.

AMERICA AND GERMANY'S NOTE.

HIGH INDIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

High indignation is being felt at the German Note, and the opinion is freely expressed that the severance of diplomatic relations is inevitable.

LATER.

Indications as to the Government's course will not be announced until certain steps are taken through the Navy Department and Treasury as to the safeguarding of American ports and other interests.

In the Concord (New Hampshire) Legislature, Mr. Taft said that a

dangerous crisis had arisen in German-American relations. He emphasised the necessity for hastening military and naval preparedness.

It is believed that a communication has been sent or is about to be sent to Germany warning her against unrestricted submarine and threatening the severance of diplomatic relations if she persists in breaking her pledge to the United States.

NEW YORK HARBOUR UNSEALLED.

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A HERO OF THE SEA.

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The Chairman said:—The sale of the Kalian Mining Administration were practically the same as last year, its profits were slightly less, whilst our profits, thanks to the improved rate of exchange, are considerably more. The sales of the Administration for the year amounted to £2,967,000 tons, as compared with 2,692,000 tons for the preceding year. The divisible profit of the Administration was slightly lower by about £10,000, consequently the proportion of profit coming to this company was lower by about £10,000. This accords very closely with the forecast made by the general manager of the Administration which I quoted at the last annual meeting. Knowing what we do of the difficulties of many kinds which have characterised the working of the Administration's business during the year we consider this result satisfactory. It may be remembered that during the preceding year the year ended 31st June, 1915, there had been a serious fall in the rate of exchange, but for which our profits would have been appreciably higher than they were. During the past year with which we are dealing an improvement in the difficulties attending manufacture and shipment from Europe is evident. The first section, that between the Liao and Chinkiang mines, is in use. The remainder awaits the completion of the additional generating plant at Liao and sub-stations, which has been delayed by the difficulties attending manufacture and shipment from Europe. It is hoped that the whole line will be in working order by the end of the present financial year. The mines will then be in a position to cope with a demand of three and a half million tons of coal per annum. As regards the results of the year now over, Major Nathan points out the difficulty of predicting anything under existing conditions both in the Far East and in Europe, but he considers the general position favourable at least for the maintenance of sales and profits at the level of the past year. We have the satisfaction of knowing that so far the sales have kept up to last year's level. The most uncertain factor in the situation is that of freight, which is fraught with great difficulties. Two of the administration's long-time charter-boats were requisitioned by the Admiralty in January of this year and are still under requisition, and I regret to say that within the last few weeks the Admiralty requisitioned the third and, last, of the administration's long-time charter boats, so that the difficulty to-day is greater and not less than before. On the other hand, the rate of exchange continues to be good, and, after taking a careful view of the whole situation, we feel sufficiently confident that the results of the year's operation will be satisfactory. You may remember that in the earlier stages of the war the company contributed in London and Brussels various sums amounting to nearly £2,000 to charitable objects. There is no item of that kind in the accounts which are before us, but we have recently contributed two sums of £250 each, one to the British Red Cross Fund and the other to the Lord Mayor of London's City of London Committee of the National Committee for Relief in Belgium which may be regarded as details. It is quite explicit, so I will merely call attention to its chief features. The liabilities, including the half-year's debentures interest, which become payable on 1st July, amounted to £221,585, as against £236,333 in the preceding balance sheet. You will notice that of this increase only about £7,000 is on outstanding accounts, the rest is in respect of shares and debenture coupons and debentures drawn for redemption, the explanation being, of course, the lamentable one that the whole of Belgium and a large area of North-Eastern France, where our debentures and shares are largely held, is still in the possession of the Germans. On the other side of the account you will see that we have in cash, Treasury bills, War Loan and Exchequer bonds a total of £305,683 against £330,413 the year before. Now as to the position

of the profit and loss account and the dividend. The balance brought forward from last year was £20,150; this year's profit, subject as I have already said, to excess profits duty is £20,723, which makes a total of £39,884. We paid an interim dividend of 5 per cent. (£30,000) on 15th May, 1916, and we have paid, or provided for, income tax, which leaves a balance of £22,376. We propose to pay a balance dividend of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. for the year free of income tax, which will leave £17,376 to be carried forward, subject to excess profits duty. The dividend will be payable on 20th inst. There are two observations which ought to be made about this dividend. The first is that in paying it free of income tax of £3, as in the case the shareholder is placed in the same position as if we declared a dividend of 13 per cent., or a little over, and deduct the tax; next, by adhering to the rate of 10 per cent., we are steadily strengthening the financial position of the company, and further that in times of war, with all the uncertainties that war brings, it is our duty to do so. The output of coal has been regulated according to the demand. In order to keep down expenditure, development work has been limited to providing the required output and maintaining the ore reserves. The coal in sight at the end of the year was 10,344,000 tons. The erection of the high tension power lines between the various mines has been completed. The first section, that between the Liao and Chinkiang mines, is in use. The remainder awaits the completion of the additional generating plant at Liao and sub-stations, which has been delayed by the difficulties attending manufacture and shipment from Europe. It is hoped that the whole line will be in working order by the end of the present financial year. The mines will then be in a position to cope with a demand of three and a half million tons of coal per annum. As regards the results of the year now over, Major Nathan points out the difficulty of predicting anything under existing conditions both in the Far East and in Europe, but he considers the general position favourable at least for the maintenance of sales and profits at the level of the past year. We have the satisfaction of knowing that so far the sales have kept up to last year's level. The most uncertain factor in the situation is that of freight, which is fraught with great difficulties. Two of the administration's long-time charter-boats were requisitioned by the Admiralty in January of this year and are still under requisition, and I regret to say that within the last few weeks the Admiralty requisitioned the third and, last, of the administration's long-time charter boats, so that the difficulty to-day is greater and not less than before. On the other hand, the rate of exchange continues to be good, and, after taking a careful view of the whole situation, we feel sufficiently confident that the results of the year's operation will be satisfactory. You may remember that in the earlier stages of the war the company contributed in London and Brussels various sums amounting to nearly £2,000 to charitable objects. There is no item of that kind in the accounts which are before us, but we have recently contributed two sums of £250 each, one to the British Red Cross Fund and the other to the Lord Mayor of London's City of London Committee of the National Committee for Relief in Belgium which may be regarded as details. It is quite explicit, so I will merely call attention to its chief features. The liabilities, including the half-year's debentures interest, which become payable on 1st July, amounted to £221,585, as against £236,333 in the preceding balance sheet. You will notice that of this increase only about £7,000 is on outstanding accounts, the rest is in respect of shares and debenture coupons and debentures drawn for redemption, the explanation being, of course, the lamentable one that the whole of Belgium and a large area of North-Eastern France, where our debentures and shares are largely held, is still in the possession of the Germans. On the other side of the account you will see that we have in cash, Treasury bills, War Loan and Exchequer bonds a total of £305,683 against £330,413 the year before. Now as to the position

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